Weekend Weather

Today: Partly cloudy – high

72, low 54

Saturday: Partly cloudy -

high 73, low 59

Sunday: Partly cloudy - high 75, low 57

Nine new Kunsan majors!

Capt. Joan Garriga, 8th Medical Support Squadron Capt. James Lohaus, 8th Medical Operations Squadron Capt. Vincent Kirkner, 8th Medical Operations Squadron Capt. Michael Abair II, 80th Fighter Squadron Capt. Charles Coderko, 80th Fighter Squadron Capt. Michael Wilburn, 80th Fighter Squadron Capt. Ann Shigeta, 8th Mission Support Squadron Capt. James Tucker III, 8th Security Forces Squadron Capt. Cynthia Holt, 8th Fighter Wing

Congratulations!

Three Wolf Pack majors were selected by the Air Force Personnel Center to become Logistics Squadron commanders:

James Barger, 80th Fighter Squadron Randall Gilhart, 8th Logistics Support Squadron Kirk Mott, 8th Supply Squadron



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Getting advice on finances makes investing easier

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Military members will be able to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan – a voluntary savings program – beginning Tuesday.

The family support center offers a personal financial management program that can help in making the decision to participate in TSP and help with deciding how much money to contribute.

"A tour here at Kunsan brings with it some additional financial strains," said Maj. John McGarrity, Mission Support Squadron commander. "We should take a careful look at our finances before deciding on how much to set aside for TSP."

The program was designed to provide information, education and financial counseling to help individuals and families maintain financial stability and reach their financial goals. Guiding a member through this is a financial management counselor who sits down with a member one-on-one to review finances.

"The personal financial management program helps someone look at where they spend their money and identifies where changes can be made to allow them to reach their financial goals," said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Thomas, NCO in charge of family readiness. "It's important to remember we are here to help. We are on the same team, to help you reach your goals through education and support."

More information on the TSP is available at, http://www.tsp.gov, or can be obtained at the finance office. There is a TSP video available to view on the PACAF Directerate of Personnel website, https://www.hqpacaf.af.mil/dp/dpf/dpfm/dpfmhome.htm

The savings plan comes in five separate categories and is not related to the military retirement system, which is based on years of service and rank.

Wolf Pack members interested in scheduling a financial session should call the family support center at 782-5644/5627 for an appointment.



One of the remaining houses in contractor village is burned by the 8th Civil Engineer Squadron in a more cost-effective way to demolish and remove the structure, which is no longer used. Forty firefighters waited nearby to extinguish the blaze once it had weakened the structure enough to dismantle it. Contractors will haul away the remains of the building.

Fire Prevention Week activities stress responsibility

By Tech. Sgt. Tony Faison Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention Week annually memorializes the anniversary of the great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres in 27 hours. The fire marked the beginning of organized fire and building construction codes in the United States under the stewardship of the National Fire Protection Association.

At Kunsan, many fire prevention methods are stressed in the dormitories and housing units. The fire prevention staff works hard to keep the dorm managers informed of prevention methods to follow. Two common causes of dormitory fires are improper use of candles and incense, and unattended cooking. Remember it is against 8th FWI 32-2001 to use candles and incense in dormitory rooms. When cooking with

grease, do not leave it unattended and have a lid available that will cover the pan. Don't try to move the pan, just cover the pan and turn off the heat, otherwise you run the risk of splashing hot grease on yourself and getting burned.

Most fire prevention week activities are planned around children because they are more often the innocent victims of fire. The key to preventing these unnecessary and tragic events is education.

Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. Having a family escape plan or knowing two escape routes from your dorm room and practicing it will ensure you will leave Kunsan safe and sound, and on time!

The Kunsan Air Base Fire Protection Flight wishes to invite everyone to get out and enjoy the different activities scheduled for the week – and remember, fire safety starts with volumes.

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